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# Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on antimicrobial resistance convened by the President of the General Assembly

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolution 70/183 of 17 December 2015, entitled "Global health and foreign policy: strengthening the management of international health crises", in which it decided to hold a high-level meeting in 2016 on antimicrobial resistance and requested the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Director General of the World Health Organization, and in consultation with Member States, as appropriate, to determine options and modalities for the conduct of such a meeting, including potential deliverables,

*Mindful* of the need to summon and maintain strong national, regional and international political commitment to addressing antimicrobial resistance comprehensively and multisectorally, and to increase and improve awareness of antimicrobial resistance,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General,[1]

*Emphasizing* the important role and the responsibilities of Governments, as well as the role of relevant intergovernmental organizations, particularly the World Health Organization within its mandate and in coordination with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Organization for Animal Health, as appropriate, in responding to the challenges of antimicrobial resistance, and the essential need for multisectoral and cross-sectoral efforts and the engagement of all relevant sectors of society, such as human and veterinary medicine, agriculture, finance, environment and consumers, to generate an effective response, including towards a "One Health" approach,

*Recalling* World Health Assembly resolution 68.7 of 26 May 2015, entitled "Global action plan on antimicrobial resistance", which reflects a global consensus

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that antimicrobial resistance poses a significant public health challenge, and emphasizing the paramount significance of achieving the five strategic objectives of the global action plan,

1. *Decides* that the high-level meeting convened by the President of the General Assembly on antimicrobial resistance shall be held in New York on 21 September 2016, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.;

2. *Encourages* all Member and observer States to participate in the high-level meeting at the highest possible level, preferably at the level of Heads of State and Government;

3. *Decides* that the organizational arrangements of the high-level meeting shall be as follows:

(a) The opening segment will include statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Director General of the World Health Organization, the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Director General of the World Organization for Animal Health, each speaking from his or her perspective and in accordance with the mission and mandate that each institution represents;

(b) Two interactive hour-long thematic panels will each be composed of up to six discussants, with three Heads of State and Government and three relevant stakeholders each, bearing in mind equitable gender, level of development and geographical representation, on the following themes:

Panel 1: Relevance of addressing antimicrobial resistance for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular the health-related Goals

Panel 2: Addressing the multisectoral implications and implementation challenges of antimicrobial resistance in a comprehensive manner

(c) Panels 1 and 2 will be held during the morning session, in parallel with the plenary segment;

(d) The plenary segment for general discussions during the morning and the afternoon will comprise three-minute interventions by Member and observer States and observers. A list of speakers will be established in accordance with the rules of procedure and practices of the General Assembly;

(e) The closing segment by the President of the General Assembly will comprise summaries of the thematic panel discussions and concluding remarks;

4. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, with the support of the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Organization for Animal Health, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the thematic panels, taking into account the views of Member States and equitable gender, level of development and geographical representation, for the participation of Heads of State and Government, as well as of relevant civil society, private sector, academia and other stakeholders with expertise in antimicrobial resistance;

5. *Requests* the facilitator of the consultations to lead an informal interactive dialogue with relevant civil society and private sector stakeholders with

expertise in antimicrobial resistance, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting;

6. *Invites* all relevant United Nations system entities, including programmes, funds, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as regional and subregional organizations, to participate in the high-level meeting, contributing as appropriate, and to consider initiatives in support of its preparatory process;

7. *Invites* intergovernmental organizations and related entities that have observer status with the General Assembly to be represented at the highest possible level;

8. *Invites* non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council with relevant expertise to register with the Secretariat to attend the meeting;

9. *Encourages* Member States to consider, as appropriate, including in their national delegations parliamentarians and civil society, private sector, academia and other stakeholders working on antimicrobial resistance;

10. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of other relevant representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector with expertise in antimicrobial resistance who may attend the high-level meeting and participate in the interactive panel discussions, taking into account the principles of transparency and of equitable geographic representation, and with due regard to the meaningful participation of women, and to submit the list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis;[2]

11. *Decides* that the high-level meeting shall approve a concise and action-oriented declaration, agreed by consensus through intergovernmental consultations, to be submitted by the President of the General Assembly for adoption by the Assembly.

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[2] The list of proposed as well as final names will be brought to the attention of the General Assembly. Where a name is objected to, the objecting Member State will, on a voluntary basis, make known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly the general basis for its objections, and the Office of the President of the General Assembly will share any information received with any Member State upon its request.